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SUBJECT: JAPANESE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELECTED TO IDB

1. TORAO AOKI, PRESENTLY COUNSELOR, MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WAS NOMINATED AND ELECTED AS EXEC DIR FOR JAPAN TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

2. AOKI IS WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED BY FINATT AND FORMER TREASURY OFFICIAL, NATHAN M. GORDON. AOKI IS A WELL-INFORMED, CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL, LESS ASSERTIVE AND MORE RETICENT THAN USUAL MOF OFFICIALS. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN USIS PROGRAMS IN JAPAN, INCLUDING PRESENTATION BY JOHN J. ARENA, COUNSELLOR TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS AOKI'S WORK HAS FOCUSED ON THE U.S. ECONOMY. HIS ENGLISH IS FLUENT.

3. AOKI TOLD FINATT HE WILL BE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS. WHEN IDB BOARD BREAKS FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS, HE WILL RETURN BRIEFLY TO TOKYO FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND FAMILY. AOKI HAS PREVIOUSLY RESIDED IN WASHINGTON AS IMF STAFF MEMBER.

4. FOLLOWING ARE SELECTED BIOGRAPHICAL HIGHLIGHTS:
LATE 1973-DATE -- COUNSELOR, FINANCE MINISTER'S
SECRETARIAT, IN CHARGE OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF
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FOREIGN ECONOMIES.

1973 - VICE CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE OECD (PARIS).

1971-73 - MEMBER, THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TAX TREATIES BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE UN (GENEVA).

1969-73 - DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL TAX AFFAIRS DIVISION, TAX BUREAU, MOF.

1965-69 - ASSISTANT CHIEF, SOUTH ASIA DIVISION, ASIAN DEPT, IMF (WASH DC)

1964-65 - ASST DIRECTOR, COORDINATION DIV, INTL FINANCE BUR, MOF.

1952-54 - GRADUATE STUDY IN ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

1950 - GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL AND ENTERED MOF.

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